

# 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment



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Welcome to 1st Battalion,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve you and your family during your tour here aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot-San Diego. It is my goal to provide the information, tools, and resources necessary to assist you in facing the challenges of military life and the rigors of being a part of our Drill Instructor family. I am here to ensure that you are aware of community, base, and battalion events, as well as resources such as education, childcare, counseling, and healthcare. I am also here to help with any issues you feel comfortable bringing to my attention.

I have 16 years of Marine Corps service. My wife, Emily, and I have been married for 14 years and have four children, Alex (17), Julian (14), Jocelyn (10), and Aiden (6). Together we have been through many moves, separations due to training, and deployments. We are very much aware of the rigors and challenges that face a military family. If at any time you have any questions or concerns and are not sure where to seek assistance, please contact me and I will assist in any manner I can.

Volunteering with the battalion can make things a little easier. We have a variety of opportunities ranging from helping out at events, attending our monthly meetings, and helping out from home. While volunteering you are welcome to give as much or as little time as you'd like and have available. We are sure to make every opportunity child friendly; whether you can have your child with you, or we provide care. Please talk to me about it if you are at all interested.

Email is primarily used to pass important information. Once your Marine checks in with me, if you are not receiving my emails at least once a week, please let me know so I can add or update your email in our distribution list. We also have a battalion Facebook page where important information and opportunities are posted. If you are not yet part of the group, please let me know so I can add you!

We would like to see you at Initial and Final Drills, Family days, graduations, and any other events that the Companies and Battalion host. I look forward to working with you and to help make your time with 1st Battalion a great one!

Welcome Aboard,

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